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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Copies of the listed non-U.S. documents are attached. U.S. Patent No. 6,236,880 is discussed at page 1 of the instant application's specification. The remaining documents included in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in a PCT International Search Report dated December 2, 2003. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of the above-discussed Search Report citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. Also for relevance, copies of English-language

abstracts are provided for particular non-English documents. Reference can also be made to the drawings in the non-English documents for relevance.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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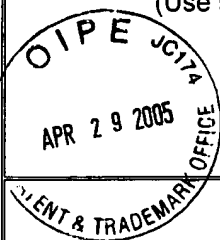
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	4,959,547	09/25/1990	Carroll et al.			
	6,236,880 B1	05/22/2001	Raylman et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	<u>Translation</u>	
						YES	NO
	5-500415	01/28/1993	Japan				X
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